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MEMORANDUM FOR:

NFAC/CSS

FROM:

Acting Legislative Counsel

SUBJECT:

Providing Unclassified Publication to Congress

1. In response to your request regarding the provision of an unclassified publication to Congress, I would suggest that before we send letters directly to individual Members of Congress that we ask the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence and the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence whether they might be interested in providing the index of documents to each Member of Congress rather than have it come directly from the DCI.

2. In the past, individual members of HPSCI, such as Charlie Rose, have suggested that it might be useful if we provided the Committee with unclassified information which they could pass on to the Members of the House. While the proposal encompasses merely an index of what documents might be available, rather than the documents themselves, the Committee might not wish to get involved, but I believe we should at least sound them out on the proposal.

3. With respect to the SSCI, when we began providing unclassified documents to Members of our Oversight Committees not too long ago, the SSCI informed us that they would like to handle the distribution of the documents rather than have them go directly from the DCI to Members of the Oversight Committees. Here again, I believe we owe it to the SSCI to at least brush the proposal by them.

4. If the Director feels strongly about participation in the distribution of the index, I am sure we could work out a joint program with our Oversight Committees whereby indexes would be passed to all Members of Congress under a covering letter recognizing the DCI's desire to get as much information as possible to the Congress supported by an endorsement of this idea by the Oversight Committees.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

FROM : Director, National Foreign Assessment Center

SUBJECT : Providing Unclassified Publication to Congress

1. Action Requested: That you approve the distribution to all Members of Congress of a recent NFAC publication that lists all CIA publications available in the Library of Congress.

2. Background: In April you approved a pilot program to distribute unclassified publications to the ninety members of our oversight committees in the House and Senate. This program appears to be working well. Manpower and resource constraints have made it impossible for us to provide this service to all Members. We have recently compiled a listing, however, of all CIA publications released to the public through the Library of Congress DOCEX system. (Attachment 1) I believe this publication (and its annual updates) would be useful to all Members.

3. Staff Position: NFAC has the ability to service Congressional requests for these publications. We do not, however, have the ability to service Congressional constituents, and have made that point in the letter we propose you send to individual Members of Congress. This proposal has been coordinated with the Office of the Legislative Counsel and the Public Affairs Office.

4. Recommendation: That you approve the distribution of the referenced publication to all Members of Congress.

Robert R. Bowie

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APPROVED: _____
Director of Central Intelligence Date

DISAPPROVED: _____
Director of Central Intelligence Date

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Honorable _____

Dear Senator (or Mr.):

The CIA regularly publishes unclassified reports on a wide variety of topics. Normally, these publications are distributed to individuals and to institutions that subscribe through the Library of Congress. We have recently compiled a comprehensive listing of such documents made available from 1972 through 1977, and we plan to update this list annually.

I am taking the liberty of forwarding this listing to you in the hope that it might be useful to you and to your constituents. Unfortunately, we just are not equipped to handle constituent requests for unclassified publications, and I would suggest that these requests be directed

to the Photoduplication Service of the Library of Congress.

I personally place a great deal of importance on making unclassified Agency reports available to the public. We all recognize the vital necessity of maintaining the security of classified information. However, it is my hope that by putting as much unclassified information as possible into the public domain, we will be better able to protect the information that must remain secret.

I hope that you will find this publication useful.

Yours sincerely,

STANSFIELD TURNER

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Dear Congressman Simon:

As you no doubt remember, when you were here for lunch with us in February, we talked about ways in which we could inform Members of Congress about unclassified Agency publications. Attached is a listing we have recently developed that seems to fill the bill. This publication is being sent to all 535 Members, and we will update it annually. In addition, we are now distributing all of our unclassified publications to the ninety Members on our eight oversight committees as well as making them available to the public through the Library of Congress.

I hope this information proves useful to you and your colleagues, and we do appreciate your interest in this Agency.

Sincerely,

Richard Lehman